

machines have been sent to some other places or the Government of Delhi has kept them unused...*(Interruptions)*

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Why are you after the fogging machines?...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : The nursing homes of Delhi have prepared bills of Rs. twenty to twenty five thousand and handed over to the patients. Whether any restriction has been put on these nursing homes?...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Minister, please continue your reply to the points already made.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI : Sir, the Delhi Government has 17 fogging machines...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Please stop use of fogging machines because use of such machines creates breathing problems. Some incidents of suffocation have come to notice in Jaipur. As a result thereof, the prestige of the State Government has been lowered. Why are you insisting on the fogging machine...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Sir, it has been stated that some money has been taken from Chief Minister's Relief Fund during this period. I would like to ascertain the veracity of this statement...*(Interruptions)*

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : A peculiar type of incense was burnt in Surat during the period when plague hit there. This kind of incense should be produced in a huge quantity and sent to Jaipur also. Fogging machine cannot kill the mosquito. This disease is not curable in Allopathy. Allopathy is totally failure...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Are you yielding Mr. Minister?

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is a general rule that nobody should be allowed to speak without the consent of the Speaker.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI : Sir, before I conclude I wish to cover one point raised regarding the yellow fever. I would like to clarify that we are fully aware of it. The movement of yellow fever starts from Africa to India. We have also intensified our steps for surveillance at airport and at sea ports. But till today there is no reported case of yellow fever in our country which does not mean that we should become complacent. We are doing all the possible surveillance that can be done.

In the end, I would like to say that Members have been concerned and so have I; in fact, the whole country

has been concerned. I am calling a Health Ministers' Conference...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : He is not yielding.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI : I am calling a Health Ministers' Conference in January. I think it is on 8th, 9th and 10th of January, 1997, where we are going to work on the monitoring and on the advance warning system to ensure in the best possible way how we can prevent this disease from taking place.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, we shall turn to Item No. 10 - Matters Under Rule 377.

Shri Kashi Ram Rana.

15.34 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

- (i) **Need to Convert the Existing Low Power T.V. Transmitter in Surat, Gujarat into a High Powered Transmitter**

[English]

SHRI KASHI RAM RANA (Surat) : At present Surat city, having a population of more than 25 lakhs and spread over approximately 300 kms. area, has 100 watt low power T.V. Relay Station. It was planned to convert Surat L.P.T. into 10 Kilo Watt H.P.T. long ago. But this has not been done so far. A major portion of Surat city and Surat district remains uncovered by T.V. transmission since the L.P.T.V. Relay Station at Surat has a range of about 20 Kms. only. Because of very poor reception and performance, a number of T.V. owners as well as viewers of community T.V. sets are catching foreign T.V. programme specially the programmes of Pakistan and Gulf countries.

The H.P.T. at Surat is required to be commissioned immediately. I urge upon the Union Government to take effective remedial measures for converting Surat L.P. T.V. Relay Station into an H.P.T. as soon as possible.

- (ii) **Need for Immediate Repair of National Highway No. 28 and 28a between Tamkuhi Road and Raksaul in Bihar**

[Translation]

DR. M.P. JAISWAL (Bettiah) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the portion of National Highway No. 28 and 28A falling in Bihar which extends between Tamkuhi Road and Raksaul and Bauauni has been in a dilapidated condition as a result of which hundreds of vehicles either turn turtle or remains stranded in a damaged condition. Road construction Department of the Bihar Government does not repair this National Highway, whereas the portion of this National Highway, No. 28 falling in U.P. has been in a perfect condition.